

Post Office Closure

The Main and South Post, Post Offices will be closed Jan. 24 and Jan. 29.

Seoul Word

Tax Time!

Tax season is almost upon us and the Yongsan Tax Center is gearing up for business. See page 5 for details on using the Tax Center.

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Traditions strong in Lunar New Year celebration

By Kwon Soon-wook

Staff Writer

January in Korea is cold with variable amounts of snow and the Lunar New Year's Day falls on Jan. 24 and will be observed in varying degrees by all Koreans.

According to Asian astrology, the animal that rules the year influences events during the year, and in much of Asia, the first of new millennium begins with the Year of Snake.

As the snake symbolizes cunning, evil, and supernatural power in the Chinese calendar system according to Chinese legend, people born in the Year of the Snake are endowed with tremendous wisdom. Profound thinkers, they prefer to rely on their own intellect rather than trust

the judgment of others.

Fired with intense determination, they hate to fail at anything. They are determined to achieve their goals. They seldom have to worry about money. Yet they can be stingy, and hate to make loans. Snake men are handsome. Snake women are beautiful and both are often vain. They are sometimes tempted into extra marital affairs. Snake men and women have an annoying habit of overdoing whatever they do, including helping others.

Seol

Koreans celebrate the Lunar New Year. It is called "Seol" or "Seol-nal" and is considered one of the two most important holidays in Korea along with "Chusok," Korean Thanksgiving Day.

"Seol" means 'to be careful,' and some say that it means sadness. Others say that "Seol" derives from "nat seol da," which means to be unfamiliar. It is a time to renew family ties and prepare for the New Year. On the New Year's Eve, people place straw scoopers, rakes or sieves on their doors and walls to protect their families from evil spirit.

What do they do on the Lunar New Year's Day?

What is the common factor in Korean holidays? "Chae-sa" or offering to the ancestors. These offerings in holidays are called "Cha-rae" because it is served with liquors and teas.

New Year's day is not an exception. Women are busy preparing foods from

the day before Lunar New Year's Day and this tends to continue until the end of Lunar New Year's Day. The food prepared the day before is placed on the altar. Very early in the New Year's morning, they take a bath and put the "Seol-bim" on. Seol-bim are new clothes prepared to wear on Seol-nal, symbolizing a fresh beginning. Usually it is the traditional costume, Han-Bok.

Then the solemn ancestral memorial rites are held. The room must be spotless and cleaned first, and then a screen and a table altar are placed in the room. On that table, several foods are presented in a certain order. However, people tend to serve what the deceased liked most while

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Celebration of life, legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Krishna M. Gamble

Editor

"We must combine the toughness of the serpent and the softness of the dove, a tough mind and a tender heart" excerpt from Strength to Love, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Freezing temperatures coupled with snow and ice covered roads did not discourage community members and members of several Greek and private organizations from participating in the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Candle Light Vigil March Jan. 14.

Members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. led this year's quarter mile trek from Collier Field House to the South Post Chapel.

"Recognizing Rev. Dr. King's contribution to both the minority community and our nation is paramount," said William Peters, president of the Mu Phi Lambda Chapter for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. "I believe that our nation's near decade of prosperity is due largely to the fact the United States attracts and employs the greatest minds from around the world. It is because we take advantage of this great wealth of academic

resources regardless of skin or creed, that our nation has risen to its current state."

At the conclusion of the march, a commemoration ceremony was held at the South Post Chapel to honor the values that King preached, studied, taught and stood for.

"We honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and we celebrate his many contributions to mankind, and rededicate ourselves [to keeping his dream alive]," said Col. Sammie E. Haskin, commander, Combat Support Coordination Team #3 and guest speaker for the event.

Haskin told the congregation of the sacrifices made by King and issued a challenge to those present to "dedicate ourselves to the work that remains to be done." He also expressed his beliefs that if King was here, he would be proud of the accomplishments black people have made through education, society, politics and the diversity of the nation.

"The events that took place in and around [King's] life were earth shat

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COURTESY PHOTO

A Korean Traditional Costume Fashion show will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at the Seoul American High School Auditorium. Organized by Sungsin Women's University and sponsored by the 34th Support Group, the show will feature authentic reproductions of Korean Clothing from the pre-Shilla to the Chosun Dynasty. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call An Chang-sin at 738-5212.

NEWS AND NOTES

African-American History Month

This commemoration ceremony will take place at the Hartell House, Feb. 1 at 3 p.m. Contact your unit EO advisor for more information.

SOFA Stamp

ACS offers SOFA Stamp services Jan. 29 at the Community Services Bldg. at 2 p.m. Call 738-7999 for details and reservations.

Area II Information Meeting

Get the latest on Area II activities at this monthly meeting, Jan. 23 at 9 a.m. at the Community Services Bldg. and 11 a.m. at Hannam Village.

Community Closures

Holidays, organizational days and change of commands often close community services. Plan your day by first looking at the Community Closures on page 6 and 7.

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Have a safe Lunar New Year

By Col. Steven D. Holtman

Area II Commander

Sul-Nal (Lunar New Year Day) is the most important Korean holiday after Chusok. Sul-Nal falls on Jan. 24 and the Lunar New Year holiday is officially observed from Jan. 23-25. Many organizations and businesses will either slow or stop routine operations as early as Friday, Jan. 19, and will not resume full operations until the following Monday, Jan. 29. During this period, the Korean road system is heavily traveled by tens of millions of Koreans returning to their ancestral homes. The migration of Korean families follows a time-honored tradition to reaffirm family ties, to wish each other good health and good fortune, and to perform rites

for their ancestors.

Over thirty million people are expected to be on the roadways during the Lunar New Year holiday period. The normal six-hour drive from Seoul to Pusan may take as long as 14 hours. Other trips will be similarly delayed. During the holiday period last year, heavy traffic contributed to the 1,497 traffic accidents with 54 fatalities and 2,620 injuries.

Commanders should discourage personnel from personal travel during this time. If personal travel should become essential, be aware that compounding heavy traffic, an unusually cold and snowy winter may pose risks to those who are unprepared. When traveling, ensure that the vehicle is properly fueled, and that occupants have sufficient cloth-

ing to keep warm in case of emergency.

To assist in minimizing the risk to soldiers, commanders in Area II should plan to eliminate all non-mission-critical, off-post vehicle travel from noon, Jan. 22 through noon Jan. 26. Vehicle dispatches during this period should only be made after a thorough mission analysis, completion of a risk-assessment, evaluation and briefing of the vehicle crew, and with the permission of the responsible unit commander.

During the Lunar New Year holiday, consumption of alcohol is a feature of many holiday activities. An increase of drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians on local roads who may be under the influence of alcohol is expected and increases the risk to our

soldiers, Korean and U.S. civilians, and family members. Be alert to erratic driving or unusual behavior by others and adjust your movements accordingly. When crossing the street, even at a controlled crossing site, be alert and make sure any oncoming traffic will stop before entering the roadway.

Additionally, force protection should be on everyone's mind during the holiday. This includes use of the "Buddy System" and avoiding demonstrations and high-risk areas. I encourage commanders, supervisors, and parents to brief their personnel and family members on safety awareness prior to the onset of the Lunar New Year holiday. Have a safe and enjoyable Lunar New Year holiday. **"Mission First" "People Always"**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A face-lift

By Kellie K. Goss

Commander, 305th Quartermaster Company

For over a month now, the soldiers that dine at the 305th Quartermaster Company Consolidated Dining Facility have been anxiously awaiting its reopening. That day finally came Jan. 17.

The new dining facility opened with a warm reception from the soldiers and civilians of the community. Lt. Gen. Daniel R. Zanini, commanding general, Eighth U.S. Army, was present

for the ribbon cutting ceremony, as the soldiers of the 305th Quartermaster Company proudly looked on, each in suspense about the changes that lay ahead inside.

The 305th dining facility was built in the late 1950's and there had been no major renovations since that time. Everything about the dining facility was bland, with the exception of the food. Although the food was guaranteed to be a treat, the dining facility had no real ambience.

As early as April 1999, Sgt. 1st Class Elisabeth Kirk, the

dining facility manager, began brainstorming concepts that would improve the standards of the dining facility, as well as, the quality of life of the soldiers that dined there. She drafted sketches, drew up plans, said a small prayer and presented the idea to her chain of command. Kirk's vision was well received, but it would take a lot of hard work and dedication from a multitude of people to make the plan come together.

In addition to the dining facility's new furniture, the dining facility has had a complete

makeover of other pre-existing features. The windows have been completely refurbished; new lights were added, to include chandeliers, ceiling lights and wall lights. After taking out a previous wall, the dining facility now has more space, which has been filled with more tables and chairs to accommodate our increasing headcount. New glass doors were installed, at the entrance and exit and to complete the transformation, the floor was redone with new tile. The Directorate of Public Work's Self Help, with a team headed by Michael Kutcher, can be credited

with this overwhelming effort. Kutcher and his team worked through the [December holiday season] to ensure that soldiers who dined at the 305th QM Co. consolidated dining facility had a new and improved place shortly after the New Year; a place that they could truly be proud of.

The opening of this dining facility exemplifies teamwork at its best. The soldiers and command of the 305th QM Co. are grateful to have been the beneficiaries of such an extraordinary team. The results of their labor will never go unnoticed.

Yongsan spirit

By Lt. Col. Peter B. Zwack

Commander 524th Military Intelligence Battalion

Just returned from "Santa's North Pole Workshop" located at Burt's Self Help on South Post, Yongsan. Arrived on a pleasant crisp winter night to find a rather exhausted Larry Lyons taking a momentary smoke break from the extraordinary Christmas project he has been shepherding for the past several years. He leads an inspired effort by numerous volunteers to bring a sense of Christmas hearth and home to

those of us lucky enough to have families and little children here in South Korea. This workshop, and many other activities ongoing here in Yongsan such as unit orphanage work, Harv's tree-lighting and the Dragon Hill's wonderful decorations and events are indicative of the remarkable strength and volunteerism of the local community and the 34th Support Group that goes on all year long.

The past several weeks at the two Yongsan post offices I've been a regular presence dropping off packages and picking up nu-

merous other gifts from all points of the globe. Throughout I've been impressed and cheered by the positive and proactive young soldiers that man the forward postal stations who deal daily with dozens of impatient persons like myself. Soldiers like Pvt. Joe Lachnit, Pfc. West, Pfc. Shakara Hartman, Pfc. Margueta Ruffin, Pfc. Antion Philips and Staff Sgt. Joel Hathaway are a great credit to the military postal service, especially because they are almost all here alone - as most military are in Korea - away from family and loved ones. They are our

tangible, material link to our homes in the States and seem to sense their responsibility and ability to positively influence our lives here in Korea. They carry a good portion of our holiday morale in their able arms.

Wanted to add this perspective amongst the clamor and dissatisfaction that seems to dominate the Stars and Stripes Op-Ed page. A lot of good goes on here that knits the entire U.S. military community together in South Korea, from the lonely soldier than stands always ready in austere conditions just south

of the DMZ, to those postal workers who dispense cheer to the entire community, and to volunteers like Mr. Lyons who make Christmas magical for the little tots and toddlers who keep us all young at heart and soul. Overlay this remarkable sense of community esprit on to the receptive and positive support of our South Korean hosts and allies - despite the annual summer shenanigans of a small vocal minority - makes serving in South Korea as palatable for most of us as could possibly be.

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NEWS & NOTES

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

Girl Scout cookies are coming to Yongsan. This year there are eight types for sale. Sales will be conducted until Feb. 28.

Safety Officer Course

The Safety Officer Course (English) has been rescheduled due to the Lunar New Year holidays. The next course will be offered from Apr. 30 - May 4. Those personnel already registered for the January class will be re-registered for the April course. If you are not available for the April course, call Joe Colson at 738-4643 or Jeff Hyska at 738-5253.

New Sick Call Procedure

The Yongsan Health Clinic will initiate a 'Same Day Appointment System.' Active duty personnel can call 725-6724/6232 from 6:30 - 9 a.m., Monday through Wednesday and Friday. Active Duty personnel no longer have to go to the clinic to book an appointment. The Urgent Care Clinic will see patients with conditions that require immediate attention.

Ballroom Dancing

Ballroom dancing starts again at the Collier Field House on Saturday and Sunday from 1-7:15 p.m. Stop by for a free introductory class. Classes open to ages 15 and above. Different classes start every one-and-a-half hours. Primary classes to be taught are Swing, Waltz, Chacha, Salsa and Merenque. Other classes are also available. Stop by to pick up a flyer.

Term III College Registration

Today is the last registration day for Term III classes at the Yongsan Education Center with the University of Maryland and Central Texas College. Classes will be held from Jan. 22 - Mar. 17. Call 723-8098 or 723-7194 for more information.

Peninsula Engineer Ball

All engineers are invited to the 2001 Peninsula Engineer Ball, Saturday, March 10 in the Seoul Hilton Hotel Main Ballroom. Social hours are from 6-7 p.m., activities and dinner is from 7-9 p.m. and dancing is from 9 p.m. - midnight. Dress for military is Dress Blue or service equivalent and civilian is coat and tie. For more information, call Lance Toyofuku at 724-7959.

U.S. Ambassador to Korea to be honored

By John A. Nowell

Public Affairs Officer

An Honor Guard Ceremony honoring the departure of the U.S. Ambassador to Korea, the Honorable Stephen W. Bosworth, will take place at 10 a.m., Jan. 30 on Knight Field.

The public, including the surrounding Yongsan community, is invited to attend the ceremony, which is for the ranking U.S. official in Korea. The ceremony will be at Yongsan Garrison's Knight Field and people who plan to attend the ceremony should be in place no later than 9:45 a.m.

A reception for invited guests at the Dragon Hill Lodge will follow the ceremony.

The large number of people expected to attend the ceremony requires the command to focus on force protection.

In order to ensure the safety of all attending, parking around the UNC/CFC/USFK Headquarters and Knight Field will be restricted before and during the ceremony.

In anticipation of the large number of people attending the ceremony, the parking lots west of 8th Army Drive from the Main Post Club to the Post Exchange may be closed to the public.

Streets east of 8th Army Drive to Gaines Avenue between UN Boulevard to I Corps Boulevard will be closed to the public. These streets and parking lots will be used for traffic flow and parking of invited guest vehicles only.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities (bowling lanes, Main Post Club, Moyer Community Activity Center, and Library) and Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities (Gallery, Main PX, and AAFES outlets) will not open until noon Jan. 30.

Shuttle bus service will be provided for the ceremony and for invited guests to attend the follow on reception at the DHL.

The shuttle route to the ceremony will run from 8 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. in 15-minute intervals and will resume following the ceremony from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The shuttle route will consist of Commiskey's parking lot, Collier Field House, Seoul American High School bus stop, Moyer Community Activity Center and the Dragon Hill Lodge.

The Collier Field House parking lot will be blocked on X Corps Boulevard and Williams Avenue as an alternate location for the change of command ceremony in the event of inclement weather.

Military Police will be on-hand to direct traffic and enforce these restrictions.

Improperly parked vehicles will be towed.

The following areas will be closed to unofficial traffic beginning the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 30:

Gilmore Avenue (East Side of Knight Field).

~ 1st Calvary Division Road (in front of UNC/CFC HQ).

~UN and 1st Corps Boulevards between 8th Army Drive and Gaines Avenue

The following areas will be used for reserved parking and will be off-limits to all other vehicles beginning at midnight, Monday:

Balboni Theater parking lot.

~Command Center Seoul parking lot, as well as the J-6 parking lot, adjacent to bldg. 2364.

~1st Corps Boulevard.

~Parking lot adjacent to the 8th Army Headquarters, Building 2462.

~Library, Post Office and AAFES Gallery parking areas.

~Main Post Exchange parking area.

~The Dragon Hill Lodge and the Processing Center parking lots, as well as Marine Division Road.

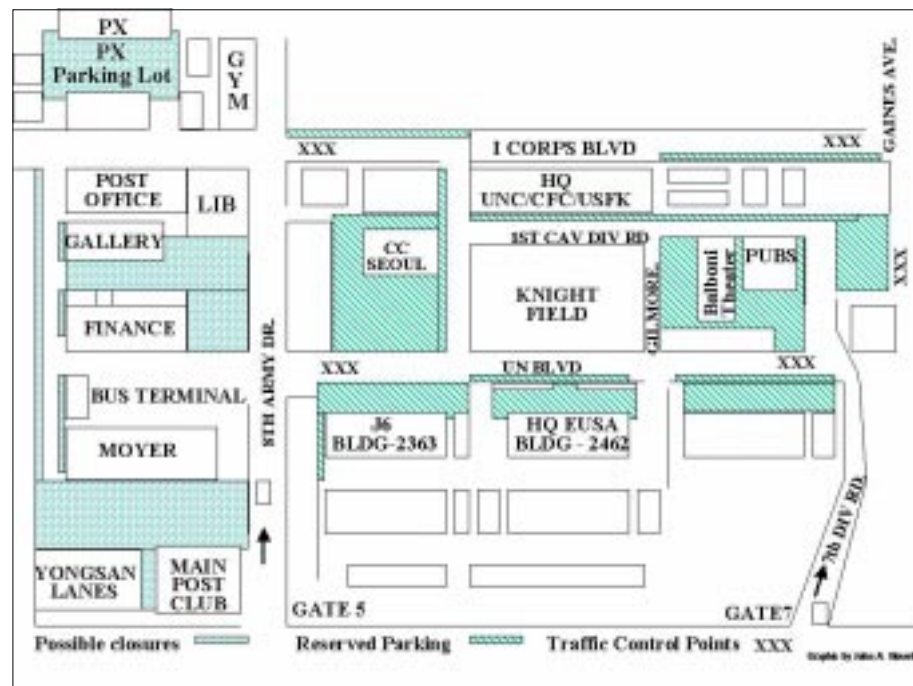
~Seoul American High School parking lot.

~Parking lots on 45th Division Road across from Commiskey's and Collier Field House.

ALL personnel with vehicles, ...

People in and around Yongsan Garrison are advised to disarm their car alarms two days before and the day of the ceremony as howitzers will be firing in connection with the ceremony during this period.

All personnel on the installation, including Dragon Hill Lodge guests, patrons and employees, are encouraged to have someone drop them off at work, walk, or use the post shuttle bus or PX taxi service until the traffic and parking restrictions are lifted.



NEWS & NOTES

TROA Scholarship

The Retired Officer's Association will award 100 grants of \$1,000 each for the 2001-2002 school year. An applicant must be the dependent child of an active duty member or drilling Reserve/National Guard member, officer or enlisted, of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, United States Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. An applicant must be a high school senior or college student working on his or her first undergraduate degree and under the age of 24. An applicant must be planning to attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student in the fall of 2001. Selections will be made solely on the basis of merit: scholarship, citizenship and leadership. An applicant's uniformed-service sponsor does not have to be a member of TROA. Applications will only be taken on line. Go to TROA's website: <http://www.troa.org>. Deadline for on-line entry is March 1, midnight.

Tree Pollarding in Yongsan

On Main and South Post, 750 trees will receive major trimming from now until budding season, March. This procedure is done every five years or when necessary. It is done to control the growth and for the health of the trees from various diseases. Expect equipment and personnel performing work during this period to possibly cause some minor traffic congestion. Be advised these operations can be hazardous to personnel in the area. Be careful and pay extra attention to your surroundings. For more information, Capt. Goss call 724-4199.

'Reunion in Korea'

The Korea National Tourism Organization will have two Reunion tours in 2001. The dates are Sept. 24-28 and Oct. 29 - Nov. 2. Participation cost starts at \$970-\$1170, depending on the departing destination per person for family members coming to Korea. The cost to join only the in-country four-day/five-night tour is \$400 per person. Each tour will be limited to 130 persons. For more information, visit the Reunion webpage at <http://www.korea.army.mil/pao/cr/reunion.htm>.

Scholarships for Military Children

'Scholarships for military children,' are open to college-bound or college-enrolled children of active duty, retired, national guard or reserve military. Applications are available at your commissary or www.commissaries.com. Applications are being accepted through Feb. 15. Award winners receive a scholarship of \$1,500 or more. See application for complete criteria.

Knowledge can prevent physical training injuries

By 34th Support Group Safety Office

Many physical training injuries can be prevented with the right info in the right hands. Many PT injuries are a minor inconvenience to complain, or brag, about to the 'guys.' Others can disable the soldier short term. If not properly treated, long-term injuries can require changing Military Occupational Specialty or even leaving military

service.

Take a minute to check out this site, at <http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/aegis/>, and get the right info in the right hands at your activity. There is also useful information on running injuries, and how to reduce them, and how to select the best running shoe. The site contains 'current interventions' on running shoes, back packs, and stretching. The 'current

interventions' provide nifty graphics sometimes with interactives. The site also provides 'the right dose of running;' injury prevention links with government and industry that address ankle sprains, stretching as a prevention technique, and other issues related to running injuries; research bibliographies; and accident information from experience throughout DOD.

Keep warm safely during winter

By Area II Fire Department

The recent winter cold conditions have caused problems with many heating systems in not being able to furnish enough building heat. The problems are being worked to provide more heat. Residents should keep these safety tips in mind:

Ovens

Some residents have used household ovens to increase the heat in their home. The problem is that using an oven to heat a home will damage the oven's thermostat control. In the case of Hannam Village residences, use of kitchen ovens also caused numerous kitchen heat detectors to activate and cause many false fire alarms.

Space heaters

Residents may use space heaters as long as they are operated safely and

meet the following requirements:

Space heaters must be UL approved or Korean equivalent rated.

Space heaters must not be plugged into extension cords or adapters unless the electrical is rated to safely handle the power wattage of the electric heater. Cords and adapters not meeting the wattage tolerance can overheat and cause a fire.

Space heaters must have a tip over device that shuts off the heater.

A metal protective guard must be provided over the heating element.

LP gas or kerosene heaters are not recommended by the fire department, but if used they require adequate ventilation. Keep a window open and install a carbon monoxide detector alarm.

Do not store or refuel kerosene indoors. Place all space heaters away

from combustible items, furnishings, curtains, etc. a minimum 24 inches.

Do not allow children to use space heaters without adult supervision. Do not leave space heaters unattended.

If you must use a space heater, the fire department recommends the electric liquid-filled radiator type as the safest.

Transformers

The use of transformers to 'step up' to 220v or 'step down' to 110 are good for use with small appliances, but should not be used with heaters. Transformers can also overheat and cause fires if used improperly.

Personnel should always assure that smoke detectors/alarms are present in their home and properly functioning. Carbon monoxide detectors are strongly recommended in homes using gas or kerosene.

New hangar facility opens at K-16

By Kwon Soon-wook

Staff Writer

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new hangar facility at K-16 was held Jan. 12, with approximately 50 representatives from both United States Forces Korea and Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defense - Defense Procurement Agency.

The new hangar facility includes a six-bay hangar building, two company operations buildings and a

22,000 square-meter helipad.

"The successful completion of this project was only possible through the aggressive cooperation among the representatives from both nations and the contractor, Pumyang Construction Corporation," said Maj. Gen. Sung Yoo-kyung, chief of ROK MND-DPA.

"I hope this facility will greatly contribute to the improvement of the helicopter maintenance capability of the

USFK and enhancing defense strength of both nations," he added.

According to the report of construction completion provided by the ROK MND-DPA, the 14,700,000-dollar project was initiated and co-sponsored by the USFK and ROK MND-DPA in an attempt to establish a better maintenance facility for helicopters in K-16.

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NEWS & NOTES

Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Ceremony Rescheduled

The Area II Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration ceremony has been rescheduled to Jan. 22 at 7 a.m. in the Naija Ballroom at the Dragon Hill Lodge. Tickets purchased for the Jan. 10 program are still valid.

Attention Official Travelers

In accordance with USFK Reg. 37-3, all official travel, military and civilian personnel must be processed and arranged through the official Commercial Travel Office. Use of the CTO is mandatory for all official travel within Korea and TDY/PCS/ETS/retirement and emergency leave out of Korea. Travelers will not be reimbursed if transportation is purchased from an alternate, unauthorized source, to include any leisure ticket office.

Gas Station Pump Repairs

The AAFES Yongsan gas station has reduced operations to two lanes only for the next two weeks while repairs are made to its pumps. During the repairs the station will extend its opening hours to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Sunday operating hours will remain 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Customers are encouraged to fill their tanks during non-peak times whenever possible.

SAOCS Dinner

Seoul American Officers' Civilians' and Spouses' Club will have a dinner for members and spouses, Saturday, Jan. 27 from 6 p.m. - midnight at the Dragon Hill Lodge. Call Sandy DeKemper at 736-8352 by Jan. 21 for reservations.

Learn Calligraphy by Ray Ueno

The Moyer Arts & Crafts Center's English Calligraphy Class will begin Feb. 10 from 11 a.m. - 1p.m. and on every following Saturday for a three month period. The "Cursive Script" alphabet style will be taught. You will need a valid ID card, one medium felt tip calligraphy pen (MainPX), two hours of your spare time and a will to learn.

Sign up at the Yongsan Moyer Arts & Crafts Center. Call 723-6944/723-6270 for addition information. There is a weekly \$2 user's fee imposed, but the instruction is free.

Yongsan Tax Center makes filing EZ

By Lisa M. Riley

Command Information Officer

All U.S. servicemembers, Department of Defense employees and their dependents can take advantage of the services at the Yongsan Tax Center, beginning Jan. 30.

The Yongsan Tax Center provides a variety of services including advising and assisting eligible clients with both preparing and filing federal and state taxes, as well as simply answering questions and providing forms for those who do their own taxes, said Capt. William M. Fischbach III, officer-in-charge of the Yongsan Tax Center.

Being prepared is the key when using the Tax Center, said Fischbach, and for military members this means using their Unit Tax Advisor. Every company-sized unit in Area II has a Tax Advisor who serves as a gatekeeper for the Tax Center. At a minimum, the UTA can complete the most basic tax form, 1040EZ. For more complicated forms the UTA will help ensure that all of the needed paperwork is organized before going to the Tax Center. Servicemembers who do not know their Unit Tax Advisor should contact their first sergeant.

Fischbach says "you can never bring enough [paperwork]" to the Tax Center. The usual forms to consider when filing taxes are the W-2, any documents that represent deductible expenses such as

stock sales, evidence of alimony payment, interest on bank accounts, 401K or IRA records and the names and social security numbers of dependents. He suggests also bringing a copy of last year's tax return.

Though stateside filers have the benefit of an extra day to file, the deadline is April 16, all U.S. taxpayers residing overseas on 'Tax Day' are given an automatic extension to June 15, said Fischbach. He warns taxpayers to be careful when utilizing this extension if they think they may owe money. Interest will begin to accumulate on any money owed beginning April 16. He suggests filing by April 16 to avoid paying interest fees.

The Defense Finance Accounting Service mailed all W-2 forms Jan. 15. This practice differs from previous years when W-2s were given with Leave and Earnings statements, said Fischbach. Personnel should expect to receive their W-2 by the end of January. If W-2s are not received, personnel should contact their Unit Tax Advisor.

The Tax Center opens Jan. 30 and is located in Bldg. 1167 on Camp Coiner, near the 8th Personnel Command Headquarters. Walk-in service is available, but those with complicated tax returns are encouraged to make an appointment. Call 724-1040 for hours and more information.

Did you marry a foreign spouse or have a baby in Korea in 2000?

If your child was born in Korea in 2000, you must have a Consular Report of Birth Abroad (FS-240). Filing for this certificate must be done at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul. See the U.S. Embassy in Korea website at usembassy.state.gov/seoul/ for more information.

If you wish to file a joint return with a spouse who does not have a social security number and is not eligible to obtain one at the time you are required to file, or if you wish to claim him/her as a dependent, your spouse must obtain an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number from the IRS, by completing Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number. Otherwise you will have to file as married filing separately. If you do file as married filing separately, you may later amend your return to the filing status married filing jointly when your spouse obtains his/her social security number, provided that happens within three years of the due date of the tax return. For more information, see the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

Knowing the necessary W-2 information

By Capt. Derek Grills

C Det, 176th Finance Battalion

Soldiers serving throughout the Korean Peninsula should receive calendar year 2000 Wage and Tax Statements (Form W-2) in January. If all goes as planned, the Army's wage W-2s will be mailed from DFAS-Indianapolis to servicing finance units on Jan. 15. The 175th Finance Command will distribute W-2s to

supported units along with the end-of-month January 2001 Leave and Earnings Statements. In order for soldiers to avoid having to visit their supporting finance office to receive their W-2s, it is critical that unit personnel administrative center representatives report to the January LES distribution meeting with an accurate "Alpha" roster, or an accurate listing of soldiers assigned to the unit.

If W-2s do not arrive as planned, local finance units will announce a separate W-2 distribution meeting.

W-2 Reissues. Subordinate units of the 175th Finance Command will have the ability to reissue W-2s, that is, print an identical W-2 as the one distributed with January LESs. Soldiers should coordinate with their unit PAC

See "W-2" on page 10

EXCHANGE FACILITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

FACILITY	JAN 23 (TUE.)	JAN 24 (WED.)	JAN 25 (THUR.)
Yongsan Main Exch.	Open	Closed	Open
Dragon Hill PX	“	noon – 6 p.m.	“
Camp Coiner PX	“	Closed	“
District Engr PX	“	“	“
Yongsan SSSC	Closed	“	Closed
Camp Market PX	Open	“	Open
Four Seasons	“	“	“
Camp Colbern PX	“	“	“
Hannam PX	“	11 a.m. – 4 p.m.	“
K-16 PX	“	Closed	“
Furniture Mart	“	“	“
121 Hospital PX	“	“	“
Sports Shop	“	“	“
South Post Video Rental	“	“	“
MCSS	“	“	“
Main Post Shoppette	“	“	“
South Post Shoppette	“	11 a.m. – 4 p.m.	“
Car Care Center	“	Closed	“
Filling Station	“	“	“
Gallery	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	“	“
Coiner American	Open	“	“
Mobile Unit	“	“	Closed
Townhouse	“	Open	Open
CFC Coffee Shop	Closed	Closed	Closed
Command Coffee	“	“	“
J-4 Coffee Shop	“	“	“
Sweet 'N Treat, Main Post	“	“	Open
Moyer Special T's	Open	“	“
Arcade D/H	“	“	Closed
Cp Market S/B	“	“	Open
K-16 Snack Bar	“	“	“
Camp Colbern Snack Bar	“	“	“
121 Hospital D/H	7 a.m. – 1p.m.	“	Closed
34th SG Coffee	Closed	“	“
FED S/B	Open	“	“
Sobbingo S/B	Closed	“	“
Charley's Steakery S/P	Open	“	Open
YSN Burger King	“	10 a.m. – 10 p.m.	“
YSN Popeye's	“	10 a.m. – 10 p.m.	“
School Cafeteria	“	Closed	“
Hannam Food Cluster	“	“	“

MWR HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Hartell House	Closed	Closed	Closed
Harvey's	4 – 11:30 p.m.	“	“
Yong-in Club	Closed	“	5 – 11 p.m.
K-16 Club	5 – 11:30 p.m.	“	5 – 11:30 p.m.
East Gate Club	Closed	“	11 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Camp Colbern Club	“	“	6 – 11:30 p.m.
Camp Market Club	“	“	11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Commiskey's	6 a.m. – 11 p.m.	6 a.m. – 11 p.m.	6 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Main Post Club	Closed	Closed	11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Yongsan Lanes	“	“	Closed
Sports Billeting	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

NEWS & NOTES

COMMUNITY CLOSURES

POL Closure

The POL will be closed until Feb. 15. The temporary POL point for all vehicles that use Mogas will be at the Main Post DPW fueling site located within the gate behind Bldg. 1380. Hours will be: Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 6:15 p.m. and Saturday/holiday from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The JP-8 fuel points will be located near the exit of the Transportation Motor Pool. Hours will be: Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday/holidays from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Call 1st Lt. Swartz or Staff Sgt. Seymour at 738-7214.

QM Laundry and Dry Cleaning

The QM Laundry and Dry Cleaning plant will close on Jan. 23-25.

Yongsan Auto Craft Shop

The Yongsan Auto Craft Shop will be closed from Jan. 23-25 for the Korean Lunar New Year.

Office Closures

The Yongsan Personal Property Processing Office will be closed Jan. 23-25. For more information, call 738-4817/18.

The Official Commercial Travel Office, Yongsan will be closed on Jan. 24. Call 725-6176/73.

The Vehicle Processing Center, Seoul will be closed on Jan. 24-25. Call 725-7011/12.

Ration Control

Ration Control will be closed Jan. 23-25 and reopen Jan. 26 at 9 a.m. It will also be closed Jan. 29 and will reopen Jan. 30 at 9 a.m.

Levesque wins SAES Geographical Bee

By Chung Young Seok

Staff Writer

"Name the sea that was created by the spreading of the Earth's crust along the junction of the African and Arabian plates."

"...Red Sea."

Alex Levesque sat awestricken in his chair as the applause of nearly 400 students and teachers filled the Seoul American Elementary School gymnasium Jan. 11. The fifth grader has just been declared the winner for the 13th Annual Geographical Bee.

"Each fourth and fifth grade class held a class level geography bee in which students competed in an oral seven-round pre-test," said Kim Opfer, SAES librarian. "Out of the 400 students, the top ten top test scores were selected to advance to the finals."

The ten finalists were given oral questions from the Geographical Bee booklet. If a student missed two questions, he or she was automatically disqualified. In the end, only two students advance to

the championship round where the one who answers the questions successfully is declared the champion.

Levesque's victory was not an easy one. Fourth grader William Barton was a strong contender. Barton had advanced to the finals after receiving a perfect score during the pre-test.

With only four students, including Levesque and Barton, left

championship round. Levesque's disqualification seemed near.

However, because two students have to advance to championship round, Levesque and the other two contenders competed in a tiebreaker. After several rounds, Levesque was able to pull through and advance to the championship round with Barton.

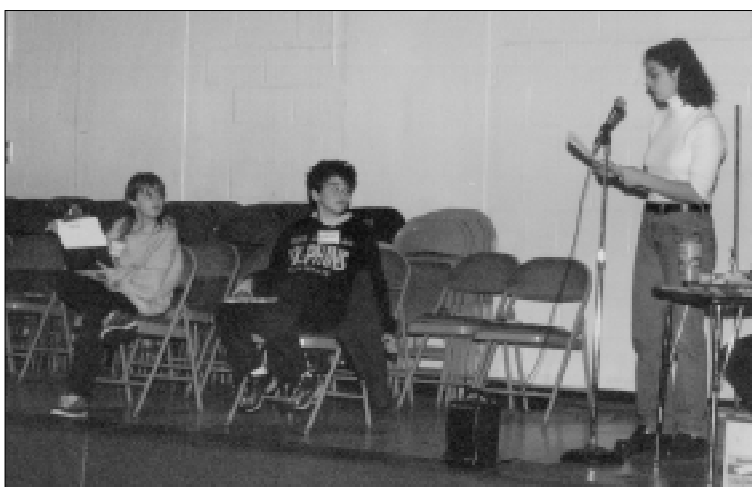
With Levesque and Barton competing, the gym became totally silent. Both students were given the same championship round questions, and if one answered the question incorrectly the other would be declared champion.

Both students answered all three questions incorrectly. This led to a championship tiebreaker round. Barton was unsuccessful in answering the tiebreaker question. If Levesque answered correctly, he would be

champion.

Levesque's voice wavered, but he

See "GeoBee" on page 10



Alex Levesque and William Barton answer questions, given by Vicki Viallo, from the Championship round of the SAES Geographical Bee.

PHOTO BY CPL. CHUNG YOUNG SEOK

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Live What You Live ...

By Chaplain (Col.) Samuel J.T. Boone

Area II Staff Chaplain

One of my favorite Christian authors is Chuck Swindoll. In one of my favorite books by him, "Strengthening Your Grip," he tells about a fellow in Long Beach, Ca. who went into a Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise to buy some chicken for himself and the young lady with him. She waited in the car while he went in to pick up the chicken. Inadvertently, the manager of the store handed the man the box in which he had placed the financial proceeds of the day instead of the box of chicken. You see, he was going to make a deposit and had camouflaged it by putting the money in a fried chicken box.

The fellow took his box, went back to the car, and the two of them drove away. When they got to the park and opened the box, they discovered they had a box full of money! Now that's a very vulnerable moment for the average individual. What must he do? He realized there must be some mistake, so he took it directly back to the manager. Well, the manager, who had been in a state of panic, was elated! He was so pleased that he told the young man, "Stick around, I want to call the newspaper and have them take your picture. You're the most honest guy in

town!"

"Oh, no don't do that!" said the fellow. "Why not?" asked the manager. "Well, " he replied, "you see, I'm married, and the woman I'm with is not my wife!"

How often have we been deceived by the pseudo-integrity of others? And the pain that results from the disappointment of that deceit? I hope that this story will cause each of us to reflect upon our own life as viewed by others. Is there really a consistency there ... one that only God can bring into our life? Do we perpetually demonstrate His integrity by our honesty, compassion and dependability out there in the "Kentucky Fried Chickens" of life? Or is there an obvious discrepancy in what we "profess" and what we "possess?"

God's Word is clear. We are his ... he knew our name even while in our mother's womb. He knows the very number of hairs upon our head. How, then can he not but know the deepest yearnings of our soul. He knows our thoughts ... before they are actions. The knowledge that God *knows us* ... yet still cares for us, should provide a sobering awakening to his grace and love!

I encourage you to attend one of the 33 worship services or one of the 60



PHOTO BY LISA M. RILEY

Chaplain Sam Boone is the 34th Support Group and Area II staff chaplain. He is Co-Pastor of the 8 a.m. Collective Protestant worship service at Memorial Chapel. He's a minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

prayer or Bible study groups that meet each week in Area II Chapels. For more information about these exciting opportunities watch Cable Channel 3 or call 738-3011.

Yongsan and Area II Worship Services

Distinctive Faith Group Services

church of Christ

Sun. 2 p.m. South Post Chapel

Episcopal

Sun. 10 a.m. Memorial Chapel

Interdenominational (Spirit Filled) Worship Service

Sun. 5 p.m. Memorial Chapel

Seventh Day Adventist

Sat. 9:30 a.m. 121 Gen. Hospital

United Pentecostal Church International

Sun. 1:30 p.m. Memorial Chapel

Victory Christian Fellowship

Sun. 5:30 p.m. South Post Chapel

**This list does not represent all services in Area II. See Cable Channel 3 or next week's Seoul Word for additional services or call 738-3011.*

Basic training ROKA style

Story and photos by
Kwon Soon-wook

Staff Writer

Nonsan is a small city in the center part of Korea. On the outskirts of Nonsan City, there exists the Republic of Korea Army Basic Training Camp, where half of the ROKA soldiers, including KATUSAs, undergo six weeks of basic training.

According to the press release provided by the ROKA Basic Training Camp, it was established Nov. 1 1951 to supplement insufficient military force during the Korean War, and since its establishment, it has been producing 120 thousand new soldiers every year, reaching more than six million so far.

During the six-week period, trainees receive various types of basic military training, such as 32-kilometer night road march, individual combat drill, bayonet drill, field firing and morale training.

"Our primary objective is to produce trainees with physical fitness as well as moral values as a soldier," said Capt. Kim Dae-shik, public affairs officer, ROKA Basic Training Camp.

After receiving a brief physical examination, trainees are divided into six regiments, each consisting of three battalions.

Trainees live their group life by sharing a squad quarters, which usually accommodates 13 people, and two instructors are assigned to teach and take care of them.

Each day begins with a 1.5-kilometer battalion run at 6:30 a.m. and ends with the daily evening roll call at 9:30 p.m.

Throughout the basic training course, trainees are restricted to stay on post at all times and prohibited from certain activities, such as smoking and making telephone calls, for a fast self-adjustment to the military life.

"It's very tough and challenging," said Lee Kyu-sang, one of the trainees at 10th Company, 3rd Battalion, 26th Regiment, who will serve as a KATUSA after graduating the basic training camp. "Training is hard but the most difficult thing to bear is not being able to call or see my family and friends. Everything

that I used to take for granted as a civilian doesn't exist anymore. Living in groups was very uncomfortable at first but I was able to make a lot of friends and I am beginning to learn the true meaning of comradeship," he said.

After accomplishing all the required

training, trainees receive their military occupational specialties and dispatched to their new units, where they will spend the next two years of military service. KATUSA soldiers, however, are sent to KATUSA "Training Academy at Camp Jackson in Uijongbu, where they get three weeks of additional training.

"In here, everyone is equal and has to help one another to persevere what challenges we face. That's one thing I learned for sure, "

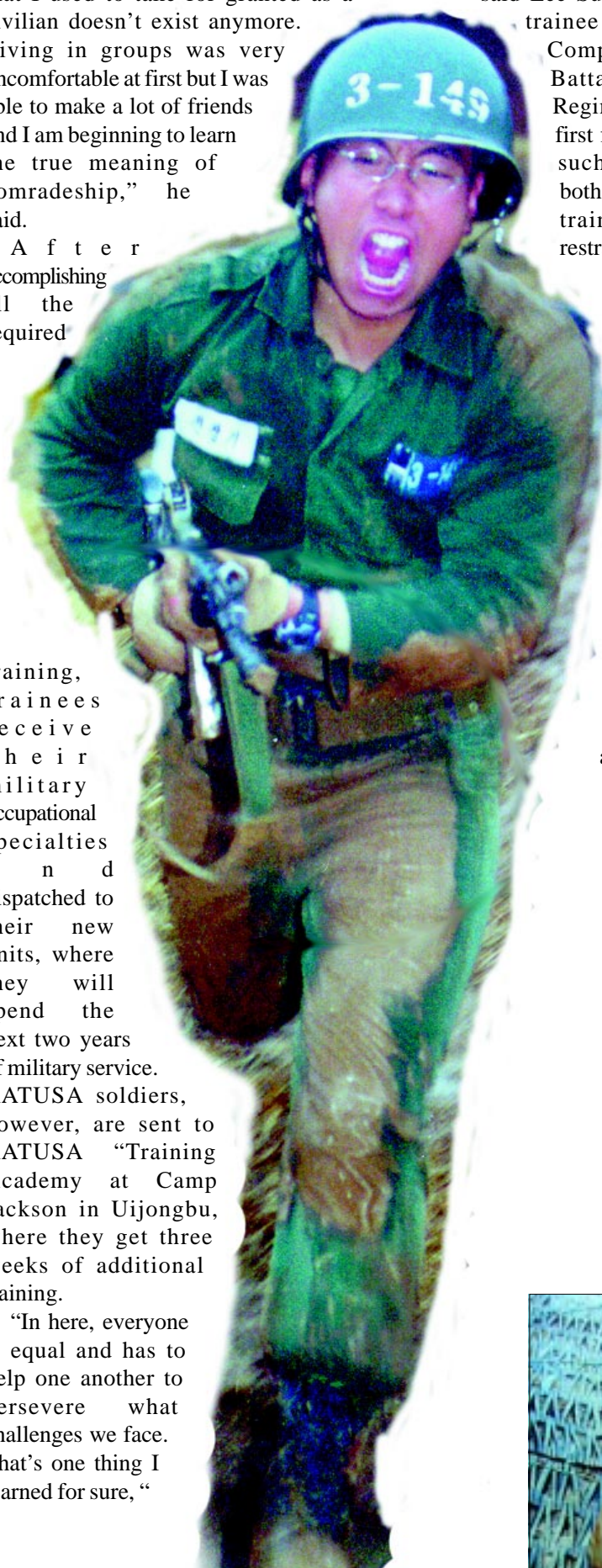
said Lee Suk-eun, another trainee at 10th Company, 3rd Battalion, 26th Regiment. "For the first few days, I had such a hard time both enduring tough training and restraining my urge to smoke. But after three weeks have passed, my strong temptation for smoking doesn't bother me anymore and I can feel that I am slowly changing from a civilian to a soldier," he added.



Above: Kim Yoon-Sung (left) and Kwon Oh-duk(right) of the 11th Company, 3rd Battalion, 26th Regiment play Chinese chess during their free time While Kwon Deuk-ryu waits for the next game.

Left: Won Jung-ki, 3rd Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd Regiment, fiercely runs up the hill toward the next obstacle point during his individual combat drill.

Below: 3rd Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd Regiment trainees are doing Side-Straddle Hop during the individual combat drill.



Left: 2nd Lt. Kim Yong-chon, 9th Company, 3rd Battalion, 26th Regiment, examines blisters on a soldier's foot during the 15 kilometer road march.

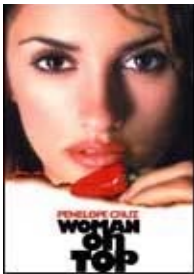
Right: Park Sung-man, 3rd Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd Regiment crawls under barbed wire during his individual combat drill.

Jan. 19 - 25

Jan. 19	"Miss Congeniality"	PG-13	Fri. 6 & 8:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	"Titan A. E."	PG	Sat. 1 p.m.
	"Miss Congeniality"	PG-13	Sat. 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	"Miss Congeniality"	PG-13	Sun. 1, 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	"Woman on Top"	R	Mon. 7 p.m.
Jan. 23	"Woman on Top"	R	Tue. 7 p.m.
Jan. 24	"Lucky Numbers"	R	Wed. 7 p.m.
Jan. 25	"The Contender"	R	Thu. 7 p.m.

"Woman on Top"

starring
Penelope Cruz, Murilo Benicio



Isabella has a special gift of melting the palates and hearts of men everywhere. When she decided to break free from her rocky marriage and the kitchen of her husband's restaurant in Brazil, she flies to San Francisco in pursuit of her dreams of a real culinary career. After arriving into a new life and new city, she discovers not only her passion and potential, she soon learns her path to happiness must be discovered by her alone.

Rated: R

"Lucky Numbers"

starring
John Travolta, Tim Roth



A TV weatherman plans a scheme to get rich quick-- by running a lottery scam. Even with a little help from his girlfriend, who picks the winning lotto numbers each week, things don't go exactly as planned.

Rated: R

Jan. 26 - Feb. 1

Jan. 26	"Cast Away"	PG-13	Fri. 6 & 9 p.m.
Jan. 27	"Cast Away"	PG-13	Sat. 1, 4:30 & 8 p.m.
Jan. 28	"Cast Away"	PG-13	Sun. 1 & 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	"Red Planet"	PG-13	Mon. 7 p.m.
Jan. 30	"Red Planet"	PG-13	Tue. 7 p.m.
Jan. 31	"The Original Kings of Comedy"	R	Wed. 7 p.m.
Feb. 1	"The Legend of Baggar Vance"	PG-13	Thu. 7 p.m.

"Cast Away"

starring
Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt



A FedEx systems engineer whose personal and professional life are ruled by the clock, must transform himself physically and emotionally to survive a crash landing on a deserted island.

Rated: PG-13

MWR News

"First Four In-Line"
Super Bowl Game Rules

This contest is awarded to four people who withstand the difficulties of waiting in line for long periods of time. The following rules apply to those who compete in the "First Four In Line" game at Balboni Theater during Super Bowl XXXV great Hyundai Santa Fe Giveaway. The 34th Support Group Marketing Staff will make unannounced routine observations during the weekend to verify top four finalists. The 34th Support Group Marketing Director will make all final decisions regarding any rules or controversies connected with this contest. No other appeals can be made.

1. Only one family member per household may qualify.
2. Only USFK personnel 18 years of age or older are authorized to participate.
3. There will be no shift changes by participants standing in line (no group participation.) The first four persons standing in line are authorized only one designated alternate to stand with them for the purpose of restroom breaks or to purchase food and drink from the Balboni Theater Snack Bar or the adjacent AAFES Shoppette. If a participant is alone, he/she may ask the next person in line to hold their spot for the above purposes only.
4. Individuals should consult with their physician for prolonged exposure to inclement weather.
5. Lawn chairs, mini-tents, sleeping bags are authorized as long as they do not interfere with the day to day operation of the Balboni Theater.
6. No one is allowed to sell his or her spot in line.
7. We encourage fun and games with other people standing in line however; noise must be kept at a minimum.
8. The top four people awarded standing in line will compete for the Hyundai Santa Fe Gold Edition Giveaway. They will receive a Super Bowl XXXV jacket and a reserve seat in the second row. They, along with 21 other qualifiers (17 weekly NFL contest winners, and 4 AFKN winners) will choose the winning team, game score, and game MVP. Further ties will result in a coin toss. Week #1 winner will have first choice of the winning team, score and MVP. Week#2, 3 and so forth will select the winning team, score, and MVP. No one may duplicate the same score with the same winning team. However, contestants may choose the same Super Bowl game MVP.
9. The closest to the final score will be determined by subtracting the final score results from the predicted final score of both teams, then add both scores for the minus result. The closest total score is not determined by total points scored.
Example:
Contestant #1 predicts NFC Team 32 AFC Team 28
Contestant #2 predicts NFC Team 37 AFC Team 17
Final Score NFC 35 AFC 25
Winner would be Contestant #1 (six points away from exact score)

"Lunar," from Page 1

liked most while they were alive due to the belief that the deceased ancestors must be well-nourished so they have energy to give many blessings to their descendants.

When offering to the ancestors, Korean traditional liquor is served together with fruits, but peaches are not traditionally included among the fruits offered.

After "Cha-rae" is over, "Sae-bae" takes place, which is the first greeting to the elders of the family. The younger generation kneels before the elder and bows deeply, wishing them good health and prosperity in the coming year. Later, the family has breakfast with the food from the offering table and visits elder relatives and neighbors. The people receive these greetings at a

prepared table with foods. Food and liquor are served to adults and children are given candies or money.

What do people do in Seol-nal for fun?

Kite flying, "Yut" game, top-spinning, snow sliding, etc. are the usual entertainment. However, yut game is probably the most popular among them. "Yut" is played with four semi-circular wooden sticks, which are tossed lightly upward and allowed to fall freely. Based on the number of flat sides showing, the players moves their markers around a rectangular shaped playing board. The object of the game is to bring all four markers around to "home" first by avoiding being knocked off by the markers of other

players. If the marker gets knocked off, has to begin from the starting point. This game begun in the first century but originally, "Yut" was to know about the fortune in farming. Some of it remains until nowadays, but it is not widely known.

What to eat on Seol-nal

There is a lot to eat on Korean holidays. It will be very difficult for people who are on a diet to avoid the temptation of all the delicious dishes. "Ttok" (rice cake), meat fritters, dried persimmons, a variety of walnuts, vegetables, traditional cookies, etc. However, the most representative dish for New Year's day is "Ttok-kuk" (rice cake soup). Koreans believe eating this soup adds one year of age. In fact, Korean age is

calculated at the Lunar New Year.

Newborn two-year-old babies, ... is it possible?

The Korean way of calculating age differs, to some extent, from that of Westerners. In Korea, when a baby is born, he or she is considered to be one-year old, due to the belief that life begins in the mother's womb for nine-months. That's why Korean age has a year variance with western age. Also, unlike Westerners, Koreans tend to consider getting themselves an additional year not on their birthday, but on the Lunar New Year's day due to the long tradition that placed far more emphasis on New Year's day than their own birthdate.

"King," from Page 1

-tering for they represented an America that was hostile and quite different from the America of today. ... always do what you can to keep the dream alive," Haskin said. King's dream is alive in the hearts of many as individuals recall how what he live and died for has helped them achieve success in their own lives.

"I think the things [King did] influence me the most by enabling me to accept things as they are," said Elreta Rhymer, worthy matron, Order of Eastern Star Oklahoma Jurisdiction. "He died for what he stood for ... [that] has made me stronger."

"There is hope. There is a constant force that says you can't, but there is always hope," said Brenda Andrews, basileus of the Rhu Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

"Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love." Where do we go from here? 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Who am I?"

I was born on January 15, 1929
into an oppressed land.
From childhood into adulthood I
had to prove that I was a man.

"Who am I?" you ask,
"You don't know," I will reply

Although I didn't enter this land on
a ship during slavery time, I still
wore shackles on my feet and
chains around my mind.

"Who am I?" you ask,
"You don't know," I will reply

I am the leader of the reform
called Civil Rights; I led millions
on marches with non-violent fights.
I am a father, a pastor and an
activist as well;

I have led plenty on boycotts from
which we were thrown in jail

"Who am I?" you ask,
"You don't know," I will reply

I was killed in 1968, freedom being
the cause

Many have praised me for my
action, but I never asked for
applause

All I wanted was to sing the
spiritual, free at last free at last,
But at the ripe age of 39 I was
shot before that came to pass.

"Who am I?" you may ask,
I am the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther
King Jr.
A Drum Major of Justice.

By PVT. BLANCHE W. MURPHY, COMPANY B, 304TH SIGNAL BATTALION, 1ST SIGNAL BRIGADE, CAMP LONG, KOREA

"W-2," from Page 5

representatives for reissues if they lost or did not receive their original W-2s.

Adjustments. Some year-end adjustments will not be included in the original W-2s but will be included in a corrected W-2 (Form W-2C). Soldiers that should, but have not received W-2Cs or whose individual W-2 forms do not include all pertinent data should contact their unit PAC representatives. Unit PAC representatives will coordinate with their supporting finance offices to obtain W-2Cs.

Soldiers should not use their final LES to file taxes. Before filing federal or state tax returns, soldiers should have all W-2 and W-2C forms. In addition to the W-2 for wages, some current and former soldiers will also receive an additional W-2 if they:

- Had a do-it-yourself (DITY) move
- Participated in the Student Loan Repayment Plan
- Filed a Public Law 220 Claim
- Filed an Army Board of

Correction Claim

These non-wage items are not reflected on final (December) 2000 Leave and Earnings Statements. Also, adjustments affected by Combat Zone Tax Exclusion entitlements may not appear on the final LES.

This year's Army National Guard W-2s and Student Loan Repayment Plan W-2s will be sent to the U.S. Property and Fiscal Offices for distribution. Army Reserve personnel will continue to

receive W-2s mailed to their address of record as they did last year.

The 175th Finance Command supports the Korean Peninsula with 2 battalions: the 177th Finance Battalion in Area I, and the 176th Finance Battalion for Areas II, III and IV. Soldiers with questions regarding LES and W-2 distributions should contact their supporting finance offices. Separated soldiers may call Military Pay Customer Service at DFAS-Indianapolis commercial (317) 510-2800.

"GeoBee," from Page 7

gave the correct answer.

"I thought I might lose," said Levesque. "I got very nervous."

Levesque will now compete for a chance to advance to the state-level competition, according to Opfer. Levesque took a written test Jan. 12, and if he qualifies as one of the top 100 in the Department of Defense Dependents Schools, he will advance to the state-level competition.

"[Alex] will compete against students from 99

other DoDD schools on another written test," said Opfer. "If he wins the competition (which is equivalent to U.S. state competitions), he will qualify to compete in the national Geographical Bee in Washington D.C."

Levesque and Barton's geographical talent was not obtained by pure luck. They both read books in their spare time absorbing information. Levesque says he reads mostly books with maps where Barton states that he has an interest in American History

and enjoys reading the *Harry Potter* series.

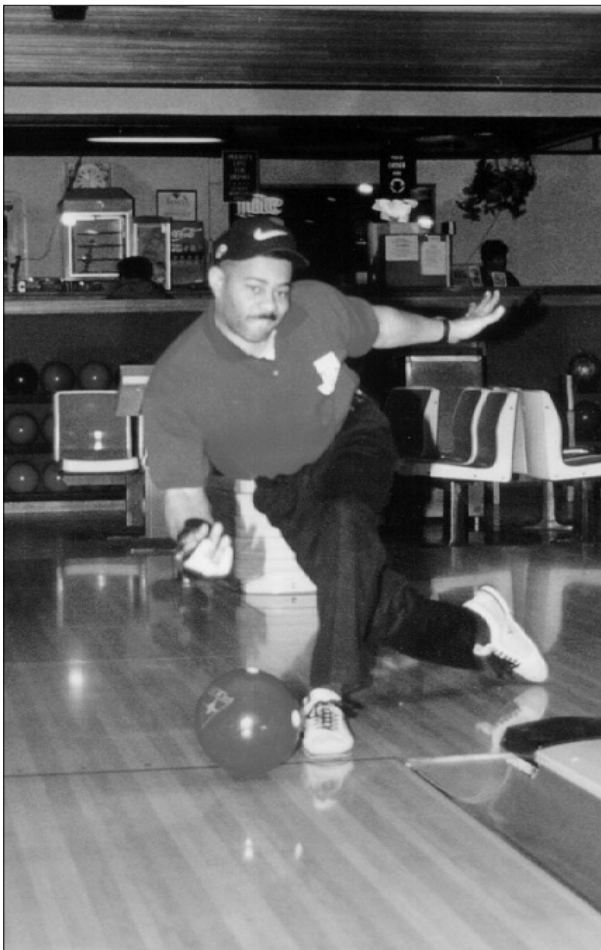
"Unlike the spelling bee, the students do not get questions ahead of time," said Opfer. "A month ago, we sent home information about maps and atlases if they want to study and the National Geographic website."

Opfer said that students can visit the National Geographic website or read up on geography to prepare for next year's competition which will be open to fourth through eighth graders.

Soldier bowls record series at Yongsan Lanes

By Krishna M. Gamble
Editor

Feeling the rhythm.
“It’s like a dance, a step dance, where you just do the same thing repeatedly. It’s something that you feel. Put yourself into a rhythm where it feels right.”
Those are the words that Dwayne Bruce uses to describe his bowling game. And the rhythm “felt right” when Bruce bowled a record series, 300-279-237 =816, at Yongsan Lanes in December 2000.
“Bowling is a sport where the condition in which your bowling in changes as the game goes on, and it changes from game to game,” Bruce said. “As you’re feeling this rhythm you have to be that much in tune with what’s going on in the lane.”
Bruce, a native of Canton, Ohio, became interested in bowling while he was stationed in Alaska. There he and several co-workers spent their lunch hour at the bowling alley rolling “straight balls.” At that time, Bruce’s average was about 130.
“I started off emulating other bowlers and not really knowing what I was doing, but I got to be pretty decent,” he said.
After leaving Alaska, Bruce took his bowling game to another level while on assignment at Fort Hood, Texas. It was here that he learned how to throw a hook, thus increasing his average to about 168. Confident in his game, Bruce made his first appearance at the All-Army Bowling Trials at Fort Bliss, Texas.
Bruce was not selected for team, but that did not stop him from bowling. He continued to improve his



Dwayne Bruce demonstrates excellent form as he releases yet another strike.
PHOTO BY SGT. KRISHNA M. GAMBLE

game, his style and his score, now averaging about 180. When he arrived in Korea, the bowling alley was one of his first stops.
“The bowling community here accepted me as a good bowler and I didn’t have any accomplishments,” Bruce said, “that really helped my confidence.”
Studying closely with members of the bowling community here, Bruce competed in the Area II and Eighth Army tournament. Unfortunately, his game was off. Determined to earn a chance to go back to the All Army Trials, Bruce entered and won the 2000 Korean Scratch Masters tournament, one month after breaking his bowling wrist.
“From that point on, my confidence and my desire to go back to All-Army to compete with that level of talent is what I’ve been waiting for,” he said.
Bruce will get his chance in February. Bruce, along with Susan Paschal of Combined Force Command and Tony Perez of 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion, will compete at this year’s competition held at Fort Jackson, S.C.
Until then, Bruce spends his Saturday mornings at the bowling alley where he assists in coaching youth league bowlers.
“After I won the Masters I made myself a promise that I would help the bowling center coach the kids,” Bruce said. “I wanted to give them a different perspective of the game, because basically anybody at any given time can roll a strike, but to remember what you did to roll that strike time and time again is what separates good bowlers from mediocre bowlers.”

RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

Area II active duty men and women who wish to participate in the Open, Senior or Masters racquetball competition must pre-register no later than Feb. 18 at Collier Field House. The tournament will be held Feb. 22-25 with winners and runners-up advancing to the 8th Army Championship Tournament in March at Pusan. For more information call 738-8608.



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Pumyang Construction Corporation led the construction, which started Dec. 30 1998, together with 20 other subcontracting companies. After two years of successful construction period, K-16, a U.S. Army

compound located in Sungnam, southern outskirts of Seoul, is now equipped with a hangar facility that has capability of storing up to six helicopters at a time for any kind of maintenance.



Col. Kim Jae-hek, chief of Construction Branch, Col. Stephen D. Mundt, commander, 17th Aviation Brigade, Maj. Gen. Sung Yoo-kyung, chief of MND-DPA, Col. Steven D. Holtman, commander, 34th Support Group and Area II and Brig. Gen. Chun In-koo, chief of Installation Division, MND-DPA celebrates the opening of the new hangar building in K-16.
PHOTO BY SGT. KWON SOON-WOOK

2001 Intramural Basketball League Standings as of Jan. 15

Team	Wins	Losses
KANAKA’S	16	1
18th MEDCOM	11	2
Colbern	12	3
8th PERSCOM	11	3
121st Hosp	12	5
EUSA	11	5
41st Sig.	10	6
362nd Sig.	9	6
K-16	10	7
17th Avn.	7	7
164th Ats.	7	9
8th MP	6	9
305th QM	5	9
34th SG	5	10
SUSLAK	5	10
176th Fin.	4	11
607th SQ	2	12
25th Trans.	1	17
SOCKOR	1	17

Korea - 50 years ago this week: Operation Wolfhound begins

by Jim Caldwell

Army News Service

WASHINGTON - When Chinese troops attempting to flank U.N. forces in Korea 50 years ago stretched their line thin, Eighth U.S. Army initiated Operation Wolfhound to exploit the gaps. This reconnaissance-in-force resulted in 1,800 Chinese casualties in the Osan-Suwon area with the loss of only three American lives.

Jan. 11, 1951 — President Harry Truman tells reporters that his Fair Deal economic program must take second place to winning in Korea. He says he wants “peace with freedom and justice” rather than “peace at any price.”

Jan. 11-13 — Congressmen are divided, even within parties, over the question of Truman’s power to send troops to Korea without seeking Senate approval. Several Republican senators disagree with Sen. Howard Taft, R-Ohio, in his criticism of the president. Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, R-Mass., says Jan. 11 that the president will be “hamstrung” in conducting the war if the Senate must approve every move. Senator Walter F. George, D-Ga., joins a growing group of Democrats Jan. 13 who favor Truman getting Senate approval to send troops to Korea.

Jan. 11-17 — Chinese troops try to flank U.N. soldiers in central South Korea by driving 35 miles southeast of

Wonju during snow and heavy rain. The bad weather forces the drive to halt. The wickedly cold weather is taking a toll on Chinese troops, too. There are many cracks in the enemy line, some 20 miles wide. Lt. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, Eighth Army commander, begins to plan an offensive to take advantage of the situation.

From Jan. 13-16, the 2nd Infantry Division pulls back several miles to protect its flanks from the Chinese incursion.

On Jan. 17, a U.N. tank and infantry force strikes into Suwon within 20 miles of Seoul, before pulling out. They reportedly kill about 500 communist troops during the one-day raid.

U.N. forces hold a 100-mile line 50 miles south of the 38th Parallel, which has been designated Line D.

Jan. 12 — France publicly objects to the Korea cease-fire plan because it wasn’t given membership in the proposed peace organization with the United States, Great Britain, Russia and China.

ROK President Rhee says his country would rather fight Japan than China in regards to a rumor that Japanese may be recruited to fight in South Korean. A Jan. 9 New York Herald Tribune report said that Japanese mechanics are repairing and maintaining U.N. warplanes fighting in Korea.

Jan. 15 — The Defense Department announces a rotation plan to relieve battle-weary troops in Korea. Replacements will begin to arrive in Korea in February, with the number of fresh soldiers increasing in March.

Jan. 15-17 — Operation Wolfhound kicks off, the first sign of the aggressive attitude that Ridgway has brought to Eighth Army. It is a reconnaissance-in-force to find the Chinese and destroy enemy troops in the Osan-Suwon area.

The operation involves seven battalions - all three of the 25th Infantry Division’s 27th Infantry Regiment; the 1st Battalion, 15th IR and 2nd Battalion, 65th IR, both from the 3rd ID; 3rd Battalion; 2nd IR from the ROK 6th ID; 2nd Battalion, 12th IR, ROK 1st ID. Most of the 25th ID’s 89th Tank Battalion supports 27th Regiment troops, while a smaller tank force operates with 3rd ID GIs.

The only obstacles that slow the 27th IR are bridges and roads blown up by retreating U.N. forces. No resistance is met and the 1st Battalion stops for the night at Pajang-ni, while the rest of the force camps 10 miles northwest of Osan.

The 1st/15th and two tank companies advance on a parallel road more than seven miles east of the main highway. As night is falling, the soldiers surprise a Chinese force in Kimyangjang-ni, killing 50 of them, as the others flee.

After the battle the 1st Battalion turns west toward Suwon. They are stopped when they run into heavy communist mortar and small arms fire.

The two ROK battalions, following, the 1st/15th, do not meet Chinese troops and occupy Chon-ni and Kimyangjang-ni.

The 2nd/65th troops face no opposition and spend the night in Osan. The next morning they get mired in ice and snow northeast of Osan.

Later in the day, the main force of the 27th IR runs into heavy enemy machine gun fire south of Suwon on the main road. They have found the Chinese assembling a large force in the area, and the enemy attempts to surround the two battalions.

That afternoon the 27th IR is ordered to break off the engagement and, along with the rest of the operation’s forces, to withdraw to Osan. On Jan. 17, the battalions establish a strong outpost line on the Chinwi-chon River south of Osan.

The operation is a success. Although three American soldiers are killed and seven wounded, the battalions kill about 1,800 Chinese.

Army Chief of Staff J. Lawton Collins and Air Force Chief of Staff Hoyt S. Vandenberg arrive in Tokyo to

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Education funding changes begin in February

By Master Sgt. Jon Connor

Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Soldiers wanting more money for higher education should report to their local education center beginning Feb. 1, the Army has announced.

The Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvements Act of 2000, signed into law Nov. 1 (Public Law 106-419), offers soldiers and their family members new options to fund higher education.

"Changes this year will really help soldiers keep up with the higher costs of education," said Lt. Col. George Richon, chief of the Recruiting Resources Branch, Enlisted Accessions Division, under the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

One big change will allow soldiers who are enrolled with the Veterans Education Assistance Program to convert to the much more generous Montgomery GI Bill. VEAP is the education program designed for post-Vietnam era soldiers.

The VEAP program offered a total of \$8,100 to help pay for higher education based on a \$2,700 individual contribution. Critics of the VEAP funding have said it didn't go far enough in helping soldiers

meet the ongoing rising costs of education.

The law allowed soldiers who were on active duty and had money in their VEAP accounts on or before Oct. 9, 1996 to convert to the MGIB. There was previously a one-year window to convert.

Out of an eligible 21,707 soldiers in 1996, 10,223 converted to the MGIB, 550 opted not to convert, and 10,934 did not respond during the one-year window.

Now the new law is providing another window for VEAP-era soldiers to convert to MGIB and it allows them to convert even if their account was inactive in 1996.

In order to be eligible to convert under the new window, soldiers must have continuously served on active duty from Oct. 9, 1996 through April 1, 2000.

Those wishing to convert must make an irrevocable election to change to the MGIB; they must withdraw any balance left in their VEAP accounts; and they must make or complete a \$2,700 payment during an 18-month window beginning when they opt to convert to the MGIB, Richon said.

"This is a very good deal for soldiers wanting to continue their civilian education. Soldiers do have time to make the right decision before Oct. 31, 2001,"

Richon said. "They need to discuss this with the counselors at their education center."

Those eligible and wishing to switch must do so by Oct. 31.

Additionally, the law states no one can receive more than 48 months of benefits between the two programs. And, that the soldier, upon discharge or release from active duty, must receive an honorable discharge.

Another significant change is that new soldiers selecting the Army's Loan Repayment program are also eligible for Montgomery GI Bill benefits, Richon said.

The Army's Education Incentives and Counseling Branch is responsible for issuing implementation guidance to Army Education Centers. Counselors will assist those seeking to convert from VEAP to the MGIB, he said, and also assist soldiers who have participated in the Loan Repayment program.

The new law offers soldiers the option to increase the total benefit amount by allowing them to contribute an additional maximum of \$600 on top of the original \$1,200. With the government's nine-fold contribution, this would mean another

\$5,400 would be available for a maximum entitlement of \$28,800.

Those veterans discharged between Nov. 1, 2000 and April 30, 2001 must elect to make eligibility contributions for additional benefits by July 31 of this year.

Soldiers who convert from the VEAP to the MGIB, however, are not eligible for this additional monthly amount.

On Nov. 1, the MGIB entitlements were increased 23 percent. This allows soldiers serving three or more years on active duty to receive \$23,400 or \$650 monthly based on a 36-month full-time school installment plan.

For those serving less than three years, the payment is \$528.

Another change is that educational benefits may now be used for licensing and certification tests needed to enter, maintain, or advance into employment in a civilian status. Eligible veterans or family members will now receive payment of the fee charged for the test or \$2,000 - whichever is less.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will reportedly soon place a message on Leave and Earning Statements that it is available to accept payments for MGIB contributions after Feb. 1.

Recruiting message more relevant to youth

By Joe Burlas

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Why change a slogan that one study claims to have been the number two recognized advertising ditty of the 21st century? The answer, according to marketing professional Pat Lafferty, is to make the Army's message more relevant to today's youth.

Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera announced the Army's adoption of "An Army of one" as its new slogan and the kickoff of a new advertising campaign aimed at 17- to 24-year-olds during a Pentagon press briefing Jan. 10.

A year-long study conducted in 1999 by the Army and several commercial

marketing partners found that while most American youth recognized the Army's "Be all you can be" slogan, it did not strike a chord in them to find out more about the Army. That study was validated by an independent marketing survey of more than 500 youth conducted by Leo Burnett, USA, this past year. Leo Burnett was selected as the Army's lead advertising agency last June.

"There has been significant misperceptions about what the Army is, what the Army has to offer, who soldiers are, what they do and why they do it among young adults," said Lafferty, a Leo Burnett vice president who has been working on the Army's new advertising campaign. "In addition to finding that unique benefit that

only the Army can offer these young adults, we had to find ways to communicate that make them sit up and take notice."

That benefit, according to Lafferty, is retaining individualism while making significant contributions to something larger than self.

"The Army empowers individuals to succeed, to think on their feet and make decisions, to make stuff happen no matter what the situation or the odds, Lafferty said. "Soldiers are trained to think, they're trained to react and they have large responsibilities at a young age — they make things happen. Interestingly, that's exactly what young adults want according to our research."

And the method to make the young

people sit up and take notice of the Army is to get them to it's recruiting web site, <http://www.goarmy.com>, via the new campaign's radio, television and print ads.

"We very much want to drive these [young people] to the web site and explore the Army," Caldera said. "We know that they are very much in tune with technology because that is where they go for information.

"They're going to meet these soldiers — they're real soldiers in the ads, not actors. They're going to find out what their life was like before, in high school, during basic training, their families — how they are married and have children today. We want to show that the Army has soldiers just like them."

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talk with Gen. Douglas MacArthur before going on to Korea. MacArthur has been pressing for more troops in Korea or, he warns, the Chinese will drive U.N. forces out of the country.

Collins and Vandenberg had been selected by the Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Omar S. Bradley to assess the situation and deliver a message to MacArthur that there will be no dramatic U.S. military buildup on the peninsula. Truman and the JCS fear that if MacArthur receives the manpower and equipment he requests, he will expand the war by pushing into China.

MacArthur is upset when he is told no major increases in men and equipment are coming. He warns that if

the U.N. is driven out of Korea, that will mean Hong Kong and all of Southeast Asia will fall to the communists. MacArthur says his command should not be held responsible for the defense of Japan and wage war in Korea, too, and requests that four National Guard divisions be sent to defend Japan.

Collins and Vandenberg spend two days in Korea, visiting Army and Air Force installations respectively. Collins accompanies Lt. Gen. Ridgway on a tour of Eighth Army units and finds morale is much higher than before the Chinese offensive began. He calls Bradley with his assessment of the situation and his confidence in Ridgway.

Collins tells reporter in Korea that there is no truth to recent reports that

the U.N. plans to pull out of Korea, saying the U.N. forces will "certainly stay in Korea and fight."

Jan. 16 — North Korea claims that the Chinese-led attack that started Jan. 1 has inflicted 13,009 casualties on American, British and South Korean units.

Homer Bigart, writing in Look magazine, charges that MacArthur committed a "momentous blunder" when he began the U.N. offensive to the Yalu River Nov. 24, and that the general should be relieved of command.

Jan. 17 — The Red Chinese reject the United Nation's second cease-fire attempt. They repeat their demand that all U.N. troops must first be pulled out of Korea and China admitted to the U.N.

before any talks can begin. The U.S. delegation immediately begins a campaign to have the U.N. brand China as an aggressor. India blocks the attempt, insisting on more talks with the Chinese. Secretary of State Dean Acheson said the U.S. had agreed to the second cease-fire appeal only to show the world that the U.S. intent is peaceful. Since that request was rejected, he said the U.S. will not waste its time on any more futile efforts.

The French say they have beaten Viet Minh forces in a five-day battle along a 75-mile front north of Hanoi. A French general said 25,000 rebels started the fighting in a vain attempt to overwhelm French lines. They also report retaking an outpost in northwestern Indochina near the Chinese border.